

Reflection Questions: Jeremiah 9:23-24

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These reflection questions are designed to help you apply the message from the Scriptures by helping you think through application to your personal life, your church life, and your city's life. You can use these by yourself for reflection, or with your family or small group for discussion. To review the message, go to MercyHillBCS.org/resources/messages.

INTRODUCTION

Take a moment to pray asking God to guide you in reflecting upon the Scripture text.

Jeremiah 9:23-24, This is what the Lord says: "Let not the wise boast of their wisdom or the strong boast of their strength or the rich boast of their riches, but let the one who boasts boast about this: that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord.

A summary of the message: Our hearts should delight in the things that delight the heart of God, and the evidence of this will be displayed in our lives.

QUESTIONS

1. Let's think about how this text applies to our lives as individuals.

- In this passage, three things are highlighted in which people tend to boast / glory in / brag about: wisdom, power, and wealth. In addition to these, what are some other things that people tend to boast in today? And why are these things not worth boasting in?
- What is the connection between knowing that our Creator delights in things like kindness, justice, and righteousness, and our delighting in these things? Or to put it another way, what should be the connection?
- How does this text clarify what God wants to do in my life? How would you answer the question, "What kind of me is God calling me to be?" What kind of lifestyle / character is this passage inviting me to embody?

2. Let's think about how this text applies to us as a community of Jesus' followers.

- How does this text help us to understand the kind of church we want MHC to be? In other words, what would a community of disciples of Jesus look like if it were formed and informed by this passage?
- What is the cost if we are not transformed by this text? In other words, what is lost if we ignore the message? What might a community of faith look like if it boasts of the wrong things and neglects to know and understand God?

3. Let's think about how this text applies to our city.

- How would this text challenge the thinking of our city? How does it critique our city's way of life? Its idols?
- How does this text help us understand God's mission in our city? What would it look like for us to embody and to live out this text in our city? What does God want to do not merely for us or in us, but through us?